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# Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



## COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

## FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (3K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

**Worship Focus:** Every year leaders and candidates for office make promises. They promise to bolster the economy or better manage the environment. They say they will get tough on crime or cut corruption out of government. They promote plans regarding guns and foreign policy. At the end of the Church Year, we celebrate the leader whose promises have never failed and always hold true. He rules with justice and mercy and with all authority in heaven and on earth. He is our King, "Christ the King."

**Communion Preparation:** Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for worship and Communion are found on the inside cover of the hymnals.

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is

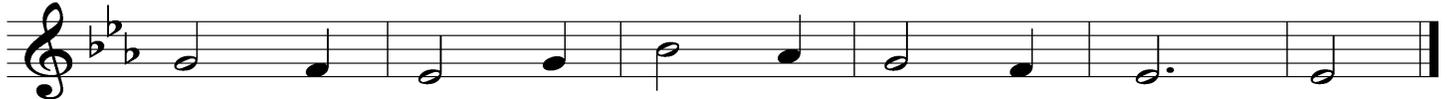
CW 552



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant  
 yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der  
 you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
 gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

5 You spread a table in my sight,  
 a banquet here bestowing;  
 your oil of welcome, my delight;  
 my cup is overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 your goodness fails me never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
 within your house forever!

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

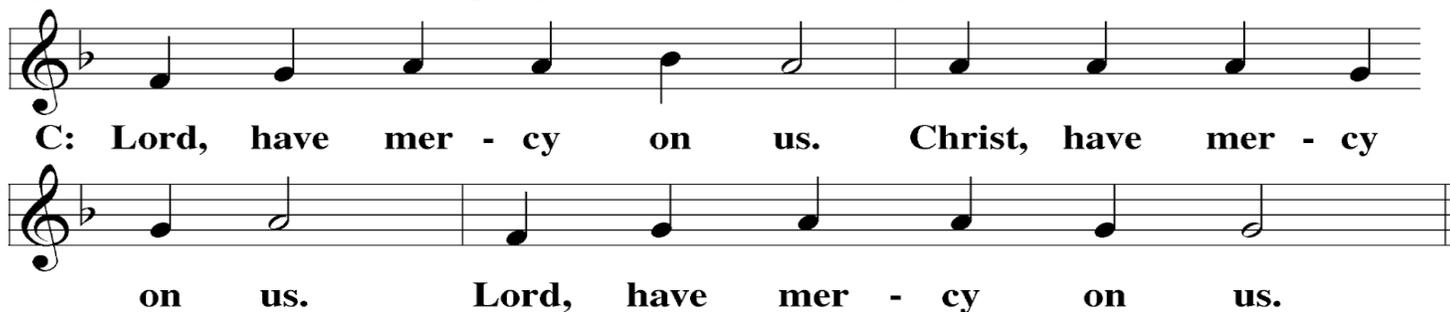


C: A - men.

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what**

is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



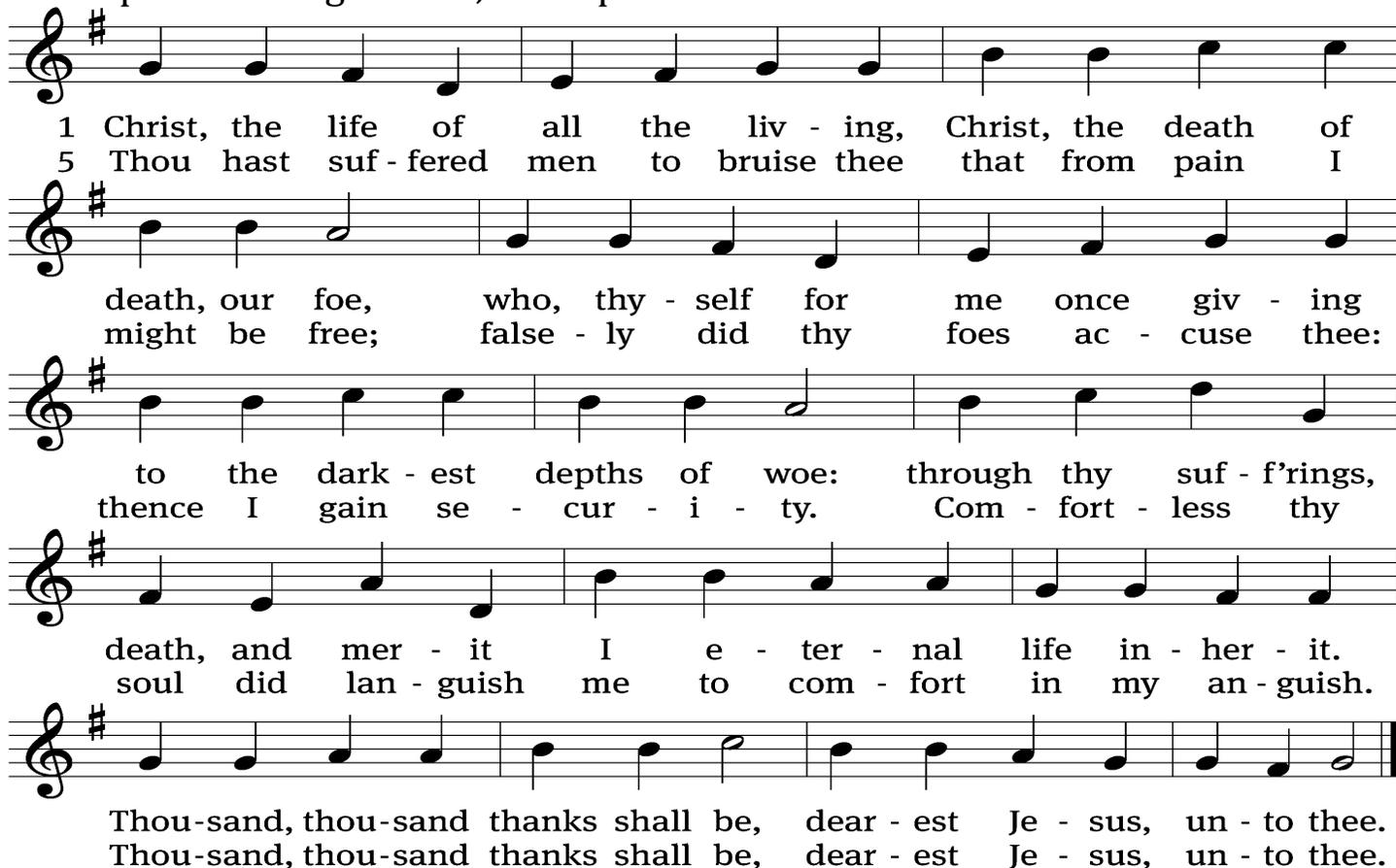
C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise thee that from pain I  
death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing  
might be free; false - ly did thy foes ac - cuse thee:  
to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,  
thence I gain se - cur - i - ty. Com - fort - less thy  
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul did lan - guish me to com - fort in my an - guish.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



**C: And al - so with you.**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C: A - men.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11–16, 23–24*

*The Sovereign LORD promised to search for, save, and shepherd his straying sheep by his servant, Christ the King.*

<sup>11</sup>“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup>I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup>I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

<sup>23</sup>I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.”

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

*Christ the King has risen from death and must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*

<sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be

made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup>When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

## Solo

## *Holy Forever*

A thousand generations, falling down in worship, to sing the song of ages to the Lamb. And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe, will sing the song of ages to the Lamb. Your name is the highest, your name, is the greatest, your name, stands above them all. All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions, your name, stands above them all.

And the angels cry, “Holy.” All creation cries, “Holy.” You are lifted high, “Holy.” Holy forever.

Through faith, we've been forgiven; through Jesus, we're redeemed. Sing the song forever to the Lamb. We who walk in freedom, and we who bear his name, sing the song forever to the Lamb.

And the angels cry, “Holy.” All creation cries, “Holy.” You are lifted high, “Holy.” Holy forever. Hear your people sing, “Holy.” To the King of kings, “Holy.” You will always be, “Holy.” Holy forever.

*Stand*

The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 27.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

## Gospel Reading

## *Matthew 27:27-31*

*On his way to the cross for us, Christ the King was mocked and beaten.*

<sup>27</sup>Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. <sup>30</sup>They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup>After they had mocked him,

they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son**

**is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

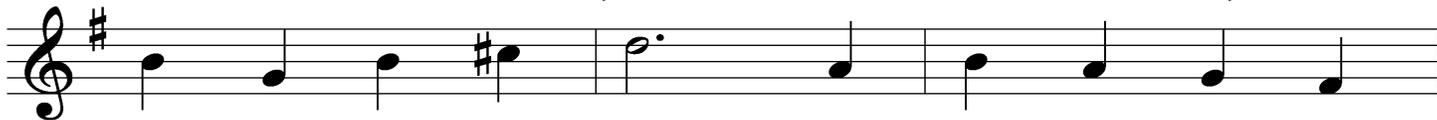
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

CW 531



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is  
 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is  
 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the  
 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with



crowned with glo - ry now; a roy - al di - a -  
 his, is his by right, the King of kings and  
 joy of all be - low to whom he man - i -  
 all its grace, is giv'n; their name, an ev - er -



dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
 Lord of lords and heav'n's e - ter - nal light;  
 fests his love and grants his name to know.  
 last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

- 5 They suffer with their Lord below,      6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
 they reign with him above,                      though shame and death to him:  
 their profit and their joy to know            his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
 the myst'ry of his love.                              their everlasting theme.

## Sermon

Ezekiel 34

*The Sovereign LORD Will Shepherd Us  
 Personal - Pasture - Promise*

Stand



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**C: And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

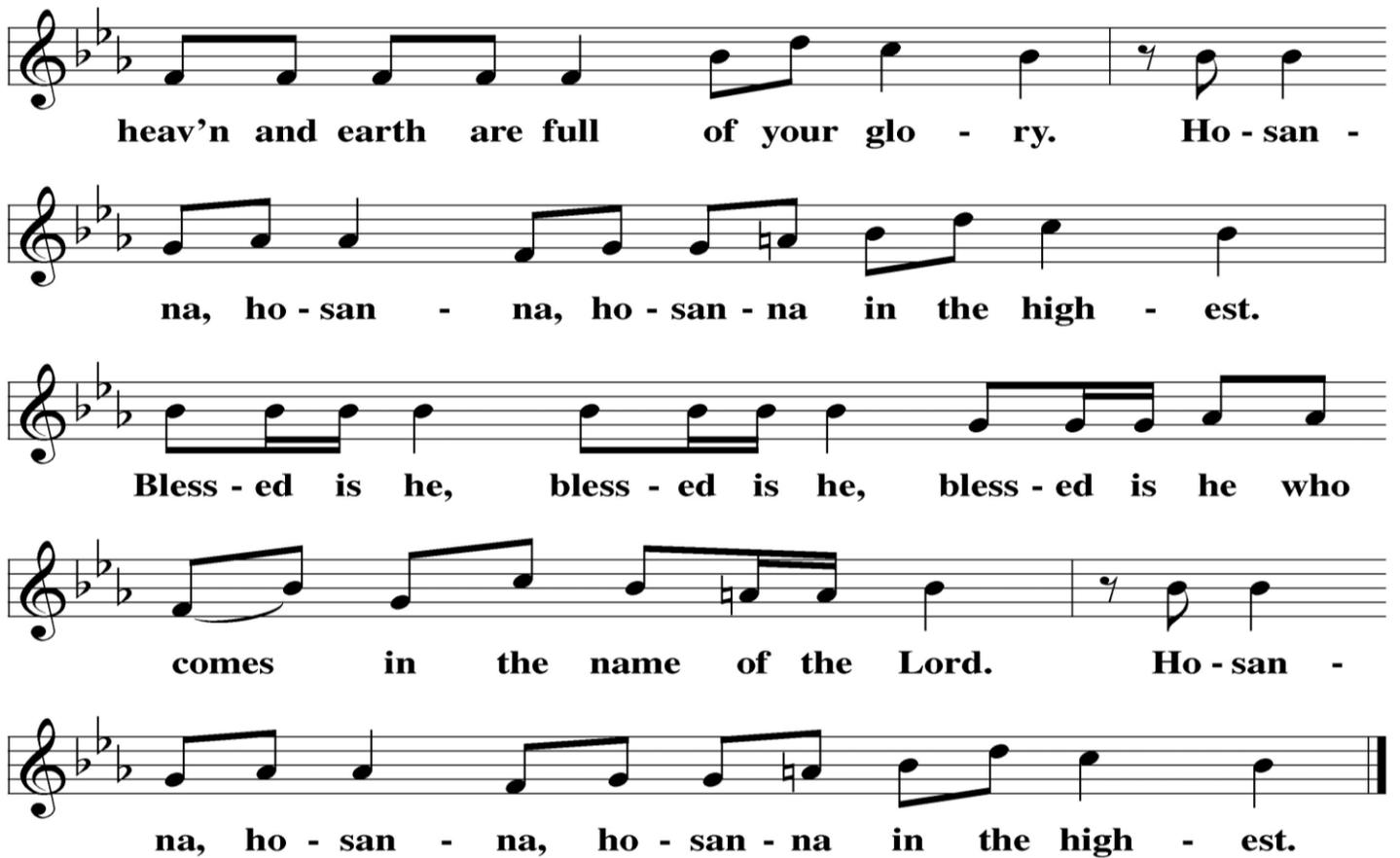
**C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:**



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\dagger$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*

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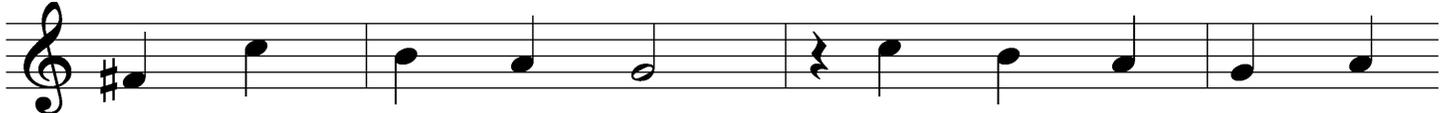
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: *St. Paul's invites up to Communion instructed and confirmed members of this congregation and the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). If you are visiting us and are not a member of either, we would love to have you join us - just after we have established a shared faith in Jesus with you on the basis of God's Word. Please speak with one of our pastors after the service so we can make this happen.*

## I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

*CW 670:1-6,9-10*



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and  
2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and  
3 I should not be your sheep, dear Sav - ior; I stray in  
4 O let me loathe all sin for - ev - er as death and



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -  
drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your  
sin's ac - cursed ter - rain. And yet you par - don  
poi - son to my soul, that I through will - ful



lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.  
bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.  
my be - hav - ior; my faith - ful Shep - herd you re - main.  
sin - ning nev - er may see your judg - ment take its toll!

*Refrain*



Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

5 Your holy heart has one obsession,  
one blessed thing it burns to do—  
to cleanse the sinner from transgression;  
so I, a sinner, come to you. (Refrain)

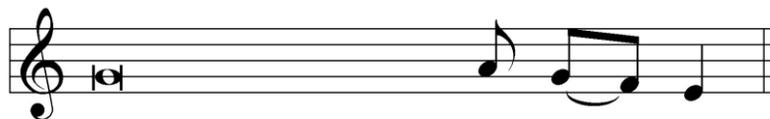
6 My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me,  
by all this weight of sin oppressed!  
Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me  
and feed me as your grateful guest.  
(Refrain)

9 This meal with blessing is abounding:  
to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,  
to angels joy, to hell confounding,  
and life for me in death's dark hour.  
(Refrain)

10 My heart has now become your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, your praises telling,  
shall live in joy eternally. (Refrain)

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;



**C:** And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



**C:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Be seated*

# Rejoice, the Lord Is King

CW 524



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2 The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come



Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
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10:30a.m. – Eric Vant Hul, Loren Reinemann, Mark Kolosovsky, Brad Tinker, Derek Grunwald.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** 8:00 a.m. Ed Strauss, Tim Klapperich. 10:30 a.m. Jim Van Alstine, Eric Eickhoff.

*Online giving options available*

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



**OFFERINGS 11/19 & 11/20 - \$13,730 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$2,360 GROWING FORWARD. \$1,500 FROM ST. JOHN/ST. PETER CLEVELAND IN SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL. \$250 SCHOOL FUND.**

**ATTENDANCE: 11/19 & 11/20 : 8:00 A.M. – 145. 10:30 A.M. – 141. 6:00 P.M. – 31.**

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, November 26	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, November 27	4:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday, November 29	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Friday, December 1	6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Living Nativity
Saturday, December 2	6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Living Nativity
Sunday, December 3	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Living Nativity

## Grow with Christ

### Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Sunday Bible Study** - in September we began a Bible study on the book of Revelation. *Today we will look at chapter 14. Come and grow!*
2. **Women's Advent by Candlelight** - St. John's-St. Peter in Cleveland is hosting Women's Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December, 3rd at 3:00 p.m.. Please contact Kelly Wall, 920-782-0821 or [kellywalljuneau@gmail.com](mailto:kellywalljuneau@gmail.com), with any questions. Also, please RSVP to Kelly by November 19th.
3. **German Christmas Service** -- Everyone is welcome to attend the German Christmas Service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Collins on Saturday, December 9th at 2pm. The service will include familiar hymns sung in their original German, with Gemütlichkeit and Christmas goodies to follow. Knowledge of German is not required. St. Peter's is located at 2501 Collins Road, Chilton, WI 53014. For more information, please contact Pastor Marcus Bode at [bodemarcusprof@gmail.com](mailto:bodemarcusprof@gmail.com) or (989) 274-4668.
4. **Lancer Singers** -- On Sunday, December 10, the Manitowoc Lutheran High School (MLHS) Lancer Singers, under the direction of Joel Ungemach, will be singing several songs in our worship services. They make their way around to each of the federation

churches every 3 years or so. Pastor Kock, who serves part-time at MLHS (and part-time in our 7th-8th grade room), will be the preacher that day. MLHS Director of Mission Advancement, Kevin Buch, will give a presentation on ministry at our high school, including the building project that broke ground in September. Between services in the Harvest Room, there will be refreshments and opportunities to interact with our guests from MLHS.

5. **Youth Group Bible Study** - High School Students, we started up a new Youth Group Bible Study on Sunday 11/12 during Family Bible Hour. The 4-week study entitled Gone Fishing will look at our callings in life and how we can serve as fishers of men! We will also start some planning for the 2024 WELS Youth Rally. We will meet in Room 113 – the classroom that has all the cubicles setup in it now. If you have any questions, contact Mike Leahy – [mleahy@live.com](mailto:mleahy@live.com)
6. **Advent Devotions** -- Martin Luther College, our WELS college of ministry, occasionally produces devotional series for use in homes and congregations. They have developed a series for this December called Mysteries of Christmas. You can access these devotions to read online or print for home use at [mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/](http://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/).

## In Other News

1. **Divine Calls Received** - Noah Panzer, husband of our 4K teacher, Emily Panzer, has received a call to Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter, WI, to teach Phy Ed, coach, and recruit. Andy Dais, our 5-6 grade teacher and athletic director, has received a call to Bethlehem in Hortonville, WI, to teach 7-8 grades and be their athletic director. Please keep these called workers in your prayers and encourage them in the coming weeks.
2. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional ushers in certain months (like July) will soon be sent via Church Community Builder (CCB). Please sign up via a response to this request or by placing your name next to a vacant position on the "Usher List" in the Member Room. Please contact Will Belitz (920-693-8837 or Cellular 920-946-6617) as questions arise. Thank you for serving your congregation.
3. **Living Nativity Cookies-** Sign-up sheets are available in the member room. Please sign up if you are interested in baking 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candies. (No bars or cakes please). Cookies may be dropped off beginning Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Living Nativity Weekend** is this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You are invited to join us on Dec. 1 & 2 from 6-9 p.m. and Dec. 3 from 4 - 7 p.m. at our Living Nativity. The shows run every 20 minutes and you can warm up in the gym with warm drinks, delicious cookies and beautiful musical entertainment. We also have a beautiful display of our own members' nativities in the commons. This is truly an event that has become a highlight for many families. We hope to see many of our fellow church members there too.

5. **Nativity Sets** - We would love to display any and all Nativity sets during our Living Nativity weekend for visitors to enjoy. If you have displayed one before, please bring it again. There are always new people who come and others that love to see favorites from years past. If you would like to bring a nativity set(s), please sign-up in the member room and **indicate if you are bringing more than one and what message you want displayed with your set(s)**. Your message can be emailed to [hamannlinda70@gmail.com](mailto:hamannlinda70@gmail.com) or placed in her mailbox (C20) **no later than Monday, November 20th**. New this year, please take a 4x6 picture of your set(s) for identification purposes. Please bring Nativity sets and photos to the commons area on Thursday, November 30th in the afternoon or evening or on Friday, December 1st in the morning or afternoon. You may set it up yourself or help will be available to you. Nativity sets will be monitored during Living Nativity weekend. Sets may be taken home Sunday evening after the final performance or Monday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hamann (920-565-2749).
6. **Lutheran Pioneers Christmas Cards** are ready for pickup! They can be picked up in the shed across the parking lot after services. The cost is \$25 each. If you forgot to order one, there are a few extras on hand. Please contact Jim Van Alstine with any questions.
7. **Service Opportunities:** Currently, two paid positions are available in the St. Paul's Early Childhood wing. We are looking for assistance in serving prepared lunch from 10:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.. We are also seeking someone to provide wrap around care for children (up to 10 students) following our 3K day from 12-3:30 p.m.. Both positions are Monday-Friday. Please see Mrs. Wieting for detailed information.